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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 16th/February, through Sunday, 23rd/February there were 234 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH4, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PY0T, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T31, T5, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B8 OP UNSUCCESSFUL! Peter, DL3APO, informs OPDX, "We are back from Mauritius - frustrated and very disappointed!" The German team for the 3B8/DK7AO operation was unsuccessful in receiving permission to operate; even with the help of Jacky, 3B8CF. Peters states, "In the circle of the permission process, security must have played a main character."

6Y, JAMAICA. Kevin/WN9O and Mike/WO9Z will be active as **6Y5/homecall** now **through March 9th**. They will participate in next weekend's **ARRL DX SSB Contest** as **6Y8Z**. QSL via WO9Z.

8P, BARBADOS. Peter, W0SA, is now active as **8P9NX** and is expected to be active **until March 6th**. Activity will be mainly on RTTY and CW. Over the past weekend, activity was spotted on/around 3517, 10107, 14014 and 14088 kHz after 2030z or 0100z. QSL via W0SA.

9S, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO. Look for Flo, F5CWU, to be active as **9S1X** now **through March 10th**. He plans to participate in next weekend's **ARRL International DX SSB Contest**. QSL via F2YT.

A5, BHUTAN. Just a few more days to work Glen, W0GJ, as **A51B**. He will be going QRT at 0200z, Wednesday, **February 26th**. He has been very active on RTTY and 80 meters. QSL via W0GJ direct.

BY, CHINA. By special arrangement with the government of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Radio Sports Association, Rick/AE3C and his 10-year old daughter Barbara/KB3HAS will be operating at various locations in Beijing and northern mainland China **between February 23rd March 11th**. AE3C will be active on HF, SSB and CW. Also, listen for KB3HAS on HF and CW. Callsigns were not mentioned, but look for them to sign possible **BY*/homecall**. QSL to their Pittsburgh QTH. ADDED NOTE: Rick states, "We will definitely CQ on the Live-Wire and HFpack freqs if they are available to us, 2300z-0100z. We will also try to set up an Echo-Link station if at all possible while there, especially if 440 is active."

C9, MOZAMBIQUE (IOTA Op). By the time you read this Reinhard "Rei", DL6DQW, will be finishing up his activity as **C98RF** from **Mocambique Island (AF-088)**; last day on that island is expect to be **February 24th**. Rei will move onto **Quirimba Island (AF-061)**, and he will be active between **February 25th and March 3rd**. QSL via DL6DQW.

CDXA GATHERING. The Carolina DX Association (CDXA) invites all DXers and Contesters to visit their booth at the Charlotte, NC Hamfest, on **March 8-9th**. Some great forums are lined up for the event. Presenters will be:

- Riley Hollingsworth (K4ZDH), FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement
- Dave Anderson (K4SV), 2002 ZL7C Chatham Island DXpeditioner
- Bob Heil (K9EID), Presenting a second chapter in "The Science of Audio" as a follow-on to 2002's presentation
- Doug Smith (KF6DX), Speaking on the Ten-Tec Orion , Editor of ARRL QEX/Comm. Quarterly
- Wayne Mills (N7NG), ARRL Membership Services Manager
- Get your QSL cards checked for DXCC and take them home with you. Representatives from ARRL will "check em while U wait".

Then join them for an evening of fellowship at Red Rocks Restaurant, Bar, and Bakery. This is a great opportunity to share stories with fellow DXers; This is priceless! If you'd like to come, let Bob Burton, CDXA VP know by dropping him a line at: Bob.Burton@McKesson.com

CT3, MADEIRA. Operators Rosel/DL3KWR and Hardy/DL3KWF are to be active as **CT3/homecall** from **Madeira (DIP MA-001)**, **March 6-20th**. Their activity will be mainly CW on the WARC bands. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or via the bureau. Bureau QSL requests are available via E-mail at: dl3kwr@dar.de

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Branch Manager, reports the following operations have recently been approved for DXCC credit:

- **VK0MQI** - Macquairie Island, January 1, 2002 through March 15, 2003.
- **3C2MV** - Equatorial Guinea, November 11, 2002 through December 12, 2002.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Operators Didier/FY5FY, Marc/F1HAR, Herve/F5HRY, Oliver/F5MZN and Larry/F6FVY will be active in the **ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd)** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL to FY5KE direct or via the bureau.

GMDX CONVENTION AND DINNER. The GM DX GROUP (Scotland's DX Association) invites you to attend their 6th annual convention/dinner on Saturday, **April 26th**, at King Robert Hotel, Whins of Milton, Stirling, Scotland. Activities start at 12:30 PM. Some of their programs include the following:

- Contest Station HC8N by Don G3XTT
- Antenna Computer Modelling by Alex G3ZBE
- 9L1AB Sierra Leone by Andy G3AB
- Convention wrap up and Raffle draw

The convention will end with an evening DX Dinner and a visit to the hotel bar. There will be special rates at the hotel, and they suggest you arrange your accommodations as early as possible to avoid disappointment. The King Robert Hotel's telephone number is: 01786 811666. More details can be found on the GMDX Group's Web at: <http://www.gmdx.org.uk>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **OOPPPSS DEPT.** Two typos in last week's [OPDX.599](#) bulletin. IOTA numbers listed as NA-052 and EU-177 were incorrect. Please change NA-052 to NA-82, and EU-177 to EU-171.
- **AS-047.** (Update) Toru/JI5USJ and Makoto/JI5RPT will be active from **Daito Island March 4-11th** as **JS6QVP** and **JS6QVQ**, respectively, on CW/SSB only. The callsign JI5RPT/6 will be used on RTTY/PSK31 only. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (w/200 watts and 50 watts for RTTY/PK31). Their antennas are: 160-10m DP, 20/15/10m 2 element HB9CV and 17/12m 2 element HB9CV. QSL direct to their home callsign (address in [OPDX.593](#)) or via the bureau. QSL JS6QVP via JI5USJ and JS6QVQ via JI5RPT. More information is available at: <http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/as-047/>
- **OC-092 OC-120.** Operators Ken/G3OCA, Gilbert/4F2KWT and possible other DU operators (Nicky/DU1JXP and Mike/DU1MHX were mentioned) will activate **Cuyo Islands (OC-120), March 14-17th**. From **March 21-25th**, they will activate **Babuyan Island (OC-092)**. Two different sources are reporting different callsigns. Their callsigns from **OC-120** will be **DX0C** or **4D2C** and from **OC-092** it could be **4D2B**. They plan to have two stations on the air. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters CW/SSB and maybe some WARC activity. PLEASE NOTE: QSL via G3OCA, except for Russian stations, whose cards will be handled by UA4SKW. All direct cards received for the 2002 DXpedition were mailed out at the beginning of December 2002.
- **SA-055.** Mariano, LU4EJ, informs OPDX that he will be active from **Martin Garcia Island as LU4EJ/D, March 20-22nd**. The island is located about 60 km east from Buenos Aires. The equipment will be a Kenwood TS-2000, vertical antenna AV3 with 9

ground planes for 20/15/10 meters and dipoles for 80 and 40 meters. Suggested SSB frequencies are: 3680, 7090, 14200, 21300, 28460 and 50110 kHz. QSL via LU4EJ (see Qrz.com) direct or via the bureau.

- **SA-085.** Members of the Atacama Desert DX Group (Operators include Mauricio/CA2WUI, Danilo/XQ1ZW, Nicolas/XQ1IDM, Patricio/CE1URH, Patricio/CE1VLY, Sergio/CE1RQB and Ricardo/CE1FLS) will be active as **3G1P** from **Pan de Azucar, March 14-17th**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/PSK31/RTTY and possibly SSTV. QSL via XQ1IDM: Nicolas Herrera G., P.O. Box 345, Antofagasta, Chile). A web page (currently under construction) will be available at: <http://www.qsl.net/3g1p/>

J2, DJIBOUTI. Karsten, DL2LAH, is expected to be active from here **between the end of February and the beginning of June**. Currently his callsign is unknown. His activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign. Cards will be answered after his return home.

J3, GRENADA. Look for Harry, AC8G, to be active in the **CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th)** as a Single-Op entry. He has applied for a special callsign, possibly **J37K** or **J3****. Activity outside of the contest will be on **March 28th and the 31st** between 1500-2300z, on 20/15/10 meters SSB. He will consider requests for 12/17 meters. QSL via AC8G.

MU2, GUERNSEY. Operator Marios/5B4WN (aka G0WWW) and Stavros/5B4AFM (aka M0BBB) will be active in the **ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd)** as a Multi-Single entry. Activity will be on all bands. QSL via G4EOF.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **3G5Q** activity was from Quiriquina Island (SA-070 and valid as CHI-025 for the ARLHS Program). QSL via XQ5SM.
- **5B4/UA9MA** was active in last weekend's CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest. The operators were Gena/UA9MA and Mike/RZ9UA. QSL via UA9MA.
- **9K9X QSLs.** Hamad, 9K2HN, reports that more than 1300 9K9X QSL cards were sent out via the bureau and 100 direct requests have been answered during the weekend of February 15th (their "Eid Holiday").
- **IOCA CHECKPOINT.** Emir, 9A6AA (IOCA Group Manager/IOCA Manager), informs OPDX that the following operator has been appointed as an IOCA checkpoints (The Islands Of Croatia Award): Eugene, RZ3EC, is appointed as the IOCA checkpoint for Russia. His E-mail address is: rz3ec@rekom.ru
- QSL Manager Jim, PY7XC, reports that all QSLs received up to February 20th for the **PV7G** operation were all replied to and sent out on February 21st.
- **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.** QSL Manager Vasil, RW6HS, states: "Every month I receive hundreds of QSLs via the QSL bureau. I will not answer cards sent to me via the bureau. I must pay for all cards coming to me via the QSL bureau. Send direct only. Please notify your DX clubs and your national society and tell your members to QSL to RW6HS direct only with SASE or SAE with postage. IRC must be stamped in the lower LEFT hand box by your post office to be any good for return postage. Russia post offices will not accept IRCs that already bare a stamp on them. They cannot be cashed in for postage in Russia. I shall help you with reception answer-back QSL from Russia and CIS. You much more reduce the post expenses. That your envelope was received by me 100 %. As far as

possible send your envelope - registered mail. Send direct **ONLY** to RW6HS no bureau cards please."

- Station signing **SU9NC** during the ARRL CW DX Contest last weekend was Tom, N9NC. QSL via OM2SA.
- The Montreal Amateur Radio Club (VE2ARC) is not the QSL Manager for **VC2A** cards for the period June 15th to July 15th, 2001. You should have received your cards via the bureau already as they were sent out in August 2001. Contact Radio Amateurs du Quebec Inc. (RAQI) for more information at: RAQI, 4545 Pierre de Coubertin, Case Postale 1000, Succursale "M", Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H1V 3R2
- "Family Goiciechea" were expected to be active in this past weekend's 160 Contest. QSL **YV4GMB** (Maria), **YV4GMH** (Hector) and **YV4GMG** (Dario) via their home callsign using the address on QRZ.com.
- QSL Manager Steve, OM3JW, reports that the complete log of Mike's, OM2DX, activity as **YI1BGD** (Jan. 1, 2003 - Feb. 13, 2003) will be on Mike's Web site at:
<http://www.qsl.net/om2dx/>

ST, SUDAN. Gerben, PA5NT, states that there is a possibility that he will be active from the Sudan again **after March 16th**. The latest details and the final announcement will be available via his web site. ADDED NOTE: The **ST2X** story is now available on Dan's Web site and can also be downloaded in PDF format (as well as the JW0PK story). Dan's Web site is at:
<http://www.dx.to/>

T8, PALAU. Seiji, JH6RTO, will be active as **T88FS** from **March 13-17th**. He will operate on 80-6 meters and on CW/SSB/RTTY. He points out that there is wrong QSL information on the Web clusters for both his 2001 and 2002 activities. The correct QSL route is via JH6RTO. His address can be found on the QRZ.com Web site or use: Seiji Fukushima, 1182-2506 Hase, Atsugi-city 243-0036 Japan.

TI, COSTA RICA. Operators Harry/AC8G, Terry/KA8KUZ, Ron/WA8LOW, Ron/W8ILC, Anthony/VE3RZ and Ed/K1EP will be active as **TI5N** in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th)** as a Multi-Multi entry. Their activity will be near San Jose. QSL via W3HNK.

VE1, CANADA (A Contest Operation With A Different Twist!). Dan, K6IF, has announced that he was invited by Jim Fisher, VE1JF, to operate from his station for the upcoming **CQWW WPX SSB Contest**. The interesting twist about Dan's operation is that he plans to write about it and put it on the Web. He states, "This will be a major expedition for me, since I have never operated in a serious contest from outside California. I've decided to write up this effort in a similar way to my 2000 10 Meter effort - although the content will be quite different. While the 10 Meter story was mostly about planning and constructing the antennas and station; this story will be much more focused on my planning and strategizing for the operation of the contest. I will have the pleasure of operating a very well designed station that needs only a small amount of work to be competitive." If you would like to follow his saga, Dan has posted the first chapter (a short introduction) at: <http://www.k6if.com/> He hopes you will enjoy it, and your comments/suggestions are valued.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. David, KY1V, will be active as **VP5/KY1V** from **March 11-18th**. He states, "For the hams whom would like more than just a signal report, I will be actively pursuing short, meaningful QSOs from **Whitby, North Caicos Island**." QSL via

KY1V. More information can be found at: <http://www.ky1v.com>

VP9, BERMUDA (VHF). Jon, N0JK, expects to be active **June 13-16th** from VP9GE's Tarrafal Apartments. He plans to operate mainly in the **June VHF QSO Party** as a Single-Op/Low Power entry. His station will be an IC-706 MII w/100 watts, a 5 element M2 on 6 meters and 9 element M2 on 2 meters. He hopes to be active on June 13th during the peak times for Europe and plans to be active during the entire contest period. Tear down will be Monday morning June 16th.

WRTC "FINLAND 2002" VIDEO. Review by Tedd, KB8NW: Let me first say I am not a tester, and from the start I was wondering whether or not I would really enjoy this video. However, as always, James Brooks's, 9Y1YC, videos are truly interesting and have excellent videography. There is only one way to describe this video on the "World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) Finland 2002" and that is: "The world's top testers battle it out in an Olympic style atmosphere using high tech for scoring and refereeing." To shorten this, WOW! These guys are serious when it comes to testing. As the camera moves from shack to shack and from operator to operator, you can see that this 24 hour event is stressful and very competitive. I highly recommend that you add this video to your collection, and I truly believe non-testers (like myself) will enjoy this video. It is also available on DVD with special extras (rules, operators, scores). More details about the video can be found at: <http://home1.pacific.net.sg/~jamesb/>

ZF, CAYMAN ISLAND. Peter, N3GXF, is expected to be active as **ZF2HW** now **through February 28th**. Bands of activity are unknown at this time because Peter has a Technician Plus license. QSL via home callsign.

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